


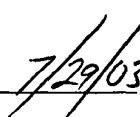
REMARKS

This application is a direct divisional of patent application serial no. 09/910,771, entitled "Method of Preparing Buried LOCOS Collar in Trench DRAMS," filed on July 24, 2001. In accordance with the Examiner's restriction requirement in the parent application, Applicants are electing to prosecute Group II in the present application.

This application is also a continuation of patent application serial no. 10/147,472, entitled "Method of Preparing Buried LOCOS Collar in Trench DRAMS," filed on September 10, 2002. Application serial no. 10/147,472 is being abandoned in favor of the present application.

Claims 1-11 have been cancelled, and claims 12-22 have been amended herein. Therefore claims 12-22 are currently pending in this application. With the exception of some very minor modifications, claims 12-22 are essentially the same as the claims that were indicated as being allowable in application serial no. 10/147,472. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and request that the Examiner pass the case to issuance. If the Examiner should have any questions regarding this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the address below.

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